

Welcome to Digging Deeper

We've launched this weekly blog series designed to help you engage more deeply with Sunday's message. Whether you're new to church or have been following Jesus for decades, these discussion questions are meant to help you reflect, apply, and talk through the truths we explore together each week. You can use them on your own, with your family, or in a group setting.

Let's dig into this week's message:

Celebrate Christmas With Hopeful Expectation

[Luke 2:21-35](#)

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Introduction

This week, Pastor Scott walked us through the story of Simeon, a man who lived with hopeful expectation as he waited for God's promise to be fulfilled. Simeon models what it looks like to listen for God, wait patiently, follow the Spirit's leading, and worship with a heart anchored in hope. As we enter the Christmas season, these same practices help us celebrate with faith, focus, and a renewed sense of joy in Christ.

Take a moment to slow down, breathe, and let these questions guide your reflection this week.

Reflecting on the Passage

- Why is Simeon's waiting so significant? What does verse 25 reveal about the role of the Holy Spirit in his hope?
- In verses 29–32, Simeon declares that he has “seen” God's salvation. What does that moment teach us about recognizing God's faithfulness?
- How do Simeon's prophetic words to Mary (vv. 34–35) deepen your understanding of Jesus' mission?

Personal Application

- Pastor Scott encouraged us to “determine to live with righteous devotion.” What does righteous devotion look like in your everyday life during the busy-ness of Christmas?
- Simeon held onto a specific promise God gave him. What promise of God do you need to hold onto with renewed expectation this season?
- How can you cultivate a heart of God-focused worship like Simeon, especially when life feels rushed or heavy?

Exploring Faith

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon said that hope “is discovered in the night of adversity.” How have difficult seasons revealed hope to you in ways easy seasons did not?
- Tim Keller defined biblical hope as “a confident, expectant longing for a sure thing.” Where does that definition challenge or strengthen your faith today?

Community Impact

- How might God be calling you to speak blessing and encouragement—like Simeon—to someone who needs comfort this Christmas?
- What would it look like for our church to embody “hopeful expectation” in how we serve or care for others this season?
- How can you partner with the Holy Spirit’s leading in practical ways at church, at home, or in your neighborhood?

Closing Thoughts

Simeon reminds us that Christmas is not just a season of tradition, it’s a season of expectation. May God renew your hope, steady your heart, and lead you deeper into the joy of Christ’s coming.

We hope these questions lead you into deeper conversations with God and with others. Join us again next week for more ways to dig deeper into God’s Word and grow in faith together.

Grace and peace,

The Belle Isle Community Church Team